

By: West

S.B. No. 1715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for a smoke detector in multifamily residential units.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 92.254(a), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A smoke detector must be:

(1) designed to detect both the visible and invisible products of combustion;

(2) designed with an alarm that is audible to a person with a normal range of hearing and is capable of alerting a hearing-impaired person in the bedrooms it serves;

(3) powered by battery, alternating current, or other power source as required by local ordinance;

(4) tested and listed for use as a smoke detector by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual Research Corporation, or United States Testing Company, Inc.; and

(5) in good working order.

SECTION 2. Section 92.254(a), Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a smoke detector installed under Subchapter F, Chapter 92, Property Code, on or after September 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.